GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Funds under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixedtime schedule for approval of the projects and disbursement of the amount under theMahatma Gandhi National RuralEmployment Guarantee Scheme(MGNREGS), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government hasdisbursed the amount to the States as perthe State Labour Budget approved by theempowered committee in a time-boundmanner, if so, the
details thereof;

(c) whether it has come to the notice ofthe Government that States are facingdifficulties to pay the wages to the workersunder the Scheme due to the non-sanctionand non-disbursal of the amount by theGovernment and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the action taken for removal of thedifficulties;

(e) whether the Government hasreceived representation from various Statesincluding Kerala requesting to sanction anddisburse the funds for implementation ofMGNREGS; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the actiontaken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a): Yes, Madam. Sub-section 6 of Section 14 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) mandates that the District Programme Coordinator (DPC) under MGNREGA shall prepare in the month of December every year, a labour budget for the next financial year containing the details of anticipated demand for unskilled manual work in the district and the plan for engagement of workers in the works covered under the programme.

It is mandated that Labour Budgets be prepared in accordance with the process prescribed in sections 13 to 16 of MGNREGA. The DPC has to ensure strict adherence to the principles of bottom-up approach from planning to approval of the selected shelf of projects by each of the Gram Sabhas in the district.

(b): Funds for programme implementation including payment of wages to MGNREGA workers are released to the States after verifying the performance, utilisation of funds released, and as per the agreed Labour Budgets approved by the Empowered Committee. The State/UT-wise details of central release under MGNREGA during the last year and the current year are at Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): No, Madam. As per program Management Information System (MIS), details of balance fund available and the payment due towards unskilled wages under MGNREGA in States/UTs is given in Annexure-II.

(e)&(f): The funds are released based on the agreed Labour Budget, funds available with the State, amount actually spent and after verification of the utilization certificate. The receipt of request for funds and releasestovarious States including Kerala is a continuous process and Central Government is committed to make funds available as per actual basis.

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